

HOUSE BILL 3092

By Hill

AN ACT to name a bridge on State Route 353 in Washington County in honor of the late Richard "Rick" L. Edens Sr.

WHEREAS, great accomplishments have occurred throughout the history of Tennessee which have caused the members of this General Assembly to name certain highways and bridges as a memorial to those outstanding public servants who contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Richard "Rick" L. Edens Sr., who through his hard work and diligence established himself as one of Washington County's finest citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Edens was a person of high moral standards and unquestionable integrity, and he worked diligently to establish a brighter future for his fellow residents of Washington County as a tireless civic leader; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that a certain bridge on State Route 353 in Telford, Washington County should bear his name to permanently honor Mr. Edens's life of service and honor to his community; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the bridge between mile marker eight (8) and mile marker nine (9) on State Route 353 in the Telford community of Washington County is hereby designated the "Richard "Rick" L. Edens Sr. Memorial Bridge" in tribute to a selfless public servant and true patriot.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in Section 1 as the "Richard "Rick" L. Edens Sr. Memorial Bridge".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.